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STEEL OPERATIONS CONTINUE LIVELY PACE

° DONBASS SCIENTISTS AND METALLURGISTS COLLABORATE -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 81, 7 Apr 49

Metallurgists of the Donbass, in collaboration with scientists of the region, have carried on extensive scientific research. Engineers of the Stalino Metallurgical Plant have completed 36 important scientific projects in connection with stepping up the production cycle and increasing the output of multipurpose machines. The work of Engineer Baranov, director of the Stalino Metallurgical Plant, had great practical value. The adoption of his invention in one plant is resulting in more than one million rubles of savings per year.

MOSCOW PLANT EXCEEDS FIRST QUARTER PLAN -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 81, 7 Apr 49

Workers of the Moscow "Serp i Molot" Plant exceeded the first quarter plan for the entire production cycle and are working on the April plan. Steel workers of furnace No 6 increased the average daily production of the furnace by several tons. Twice as much steel is derived from each square meter of the open-hearth furnace sole as was fixed by the plan. Rolling mill operators of Mill "750" of the plant were the first to start pre-May socialist competition.

LYUBLINO PLANT SAVES FOUR MILLION RUBLES -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 81, 7 Apr 49

Workers, engineering and technical personnel, and service employees of Lyublino Foundry and Machinery Plant imeni L. M. Kaganovich have fulfilled their promise to accelerate the turnover of working funds by 10 days during the first quarter of 1949 and to release not less than 3 million rubles. On 6 April the administration of the plant deposited the 4 million rubles, which had been released from its working funds, in the Lyublino branch of the State Bank.

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MAGNITOGORSK COMBINE REPORTS ON 1948 PRODUCTION -- Krasnyy Flot, No 46, 25 Feb 49

The Magnitogorsk Metallurgical Combine under Stalin successfully fulfilled the State plan for 1948. The 1948 plan was fulfilled ahead of schedule and showed a production increase of 195,000 tons of pig iron, 301,000 tons of steel, and 200,000 tons of rolled steel over 1947. Labor efficiency in 1948 increased 8.2 percent and exceeded the prewar labor efficiency by 16.8 percent.

During 1948, the combine lowered production costs 58 million rubles above plan.

New housing, covering 46,686 square meters, and two schools, accommodating 1,200 children, were built in 1948.

The combine pledged for 1949: to produce, in honor of the 10th Congress of Trade Unions, 15,000 tons of pig iron, 20,000 tons of steel, and 10,000 tons of rolled steel above plan; to achieve a profit of 15 million rubles above plan during the first quarter; to produce all metal strictly as ordered and only metal of high quality; to release 8 million rubles during the first quarter by speeding up turnover of working capital; to introduce production of self-fluxing agglomerate (sinter) and to operate blast furnaces on this product; and to apply automatic processes on a wider scale.

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